OLR Bill Analysis HB 6158

AN ACT CONCERNING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE PRIVATE LAND REVOLVER PERMIT STATUTE.

SUMMARY:

This bill creates consistency between the private land revolver and private land deer permits by expanding the list of people to whom the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) commissioner must issue a private land revolver permit to include the husband or wife, parent, grandparent, sibling, and any lineal descendant of an owner of at least 10 acres of private land.

Under current law, the DEP commissioner must issue the permit only to (1) the owner of at least 10 acres of private land or (2) a state resident who has consent from such private land owner.

The bill allows the DEP commissioner to adopt implementing regulations, including any restrictions the commissioner deems necessary for public safety.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Permits

A private land revolver permit (established in PA 10-99) allows a hunter to use guns that (1) fire a cartridge of at least .357 caliber and (2) have a barrel length less than 12 inches (revolvers), to hunt deer on private land of at least 10 acres between November 1 and December 31. The hunting is subject to the private land deer permit bag limit established by the commissioner. The private land revolver permit fee is \$5.

The private land deer permit allows the use of other weapons to hunt deer on private land of the same size during the same period. There is no fee for this permit.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/09/2011)